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Applicants : Neirynck et al.
Serial No. : 09/498,046 Confirmation No.: 8244
Filed : February 4, 2000
Title : IMMUNOPROTECTIVE INFLUENZA ANTIGEN AND ITS USE IN VACCINATION
Group Art Unit : 1648
Examiner : Shanon A. Foley
New York, New York
April 18, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the December 18, 2001 Office Action. With the extension, a response is due on or before April 18, 2002. A check in the amount of \$55.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

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